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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Watch how you handle the FREE STC Bike Stickers - they're wheely hot! Time to put the brakes on and settle down to what's happening inside this issue . . .

First off is part three of **Roots**. Sonic and the Chaotix crew have been captured by the swamp creature known as Root who's trying to gain control of their minds.

Next off the block, Amy and Tekno find themselves stranded in space in the middle of a prison spaceship! Find out who's pulling the strings in **Day of the Puppets!**

Onto the third red-hot installment of **The Take-over** which finds Knuckles trapped inside an ancient tunnel system on the Floating Island. Can he save the Chaos Emeralds from being stolen? You know what to do!

I think it's time STC featured another competition don't you? Well, thanks to Walkers' Snacks, four lucky humers will win a cool Kit Price worth £160.00 each in the **Walkers Cheetos Competition.**

As if all that isn't enough, **Girl Trouble** rewinds to when Amy was Amy Rose. Find out why she was once a frilly thorn in Sonic's side!

Remember, that your own artwork also gets the chance to shine when the **Graphic Zone** tunes into Sega Power! See you in a funky fortnight, Boomers!

Megadroid

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THRILLING CONCLUSIONS

SONIC GETS TO THE ROOT CAUSE!

KNUCKLES SHOCK COLLAR!

PLUS

PIRATES OF THE MYSTIC CRUE!

GRAPHIC ZONE

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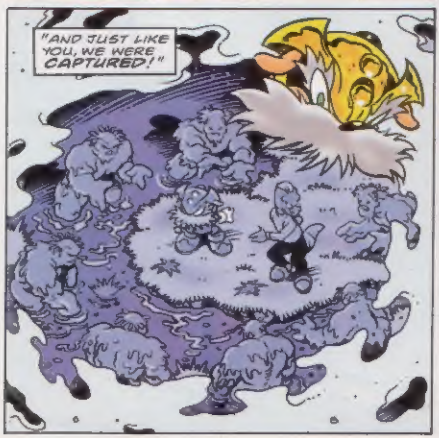
PART 3
SONIC
ROOTS
Script & Colour: NIGEL KITCHING • B & W Art: RICHARD ELSON • Letters: ELLIE de VILLE
SONIC AND CHAOTIX HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE MYSTERIOUS SWAMP CREATURE KNOWN AS ROOT.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THIS! NOBODY CAN KEEP SONIC THE HEDGEHOG CAPTIVE FOR LONG!
I DON'T INTEND TO TRY. IN A MOMENT I WILL RELEASE YOU AND YOU WILL BE MY WILLING SLAVES!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
THERE'S NO WAY ANY OF US ARE GOING TO WORK FOR YOU!

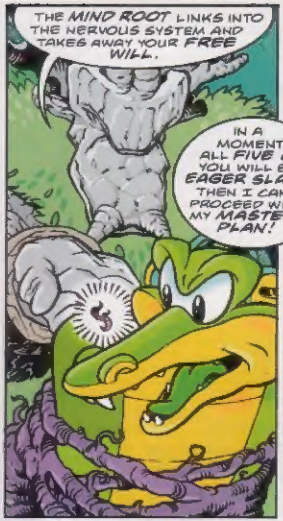
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, SONNY! YOU'LL BE ROOT'S DOGSBODY.. JUST LIKE ME!
DAD! WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DO YOU TAKE ORDERS FROM A CREEP LIKE HIM?

"IT WAS A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. ME AND SAM WERE SEARCHING THE SWAMP FOR THE PARTICULAR TYPE OF ROOT WE NEED!" *
* THE TYPE BILL USES TO CHANGE MAX INTO A DINOSAUR – MEGADROID

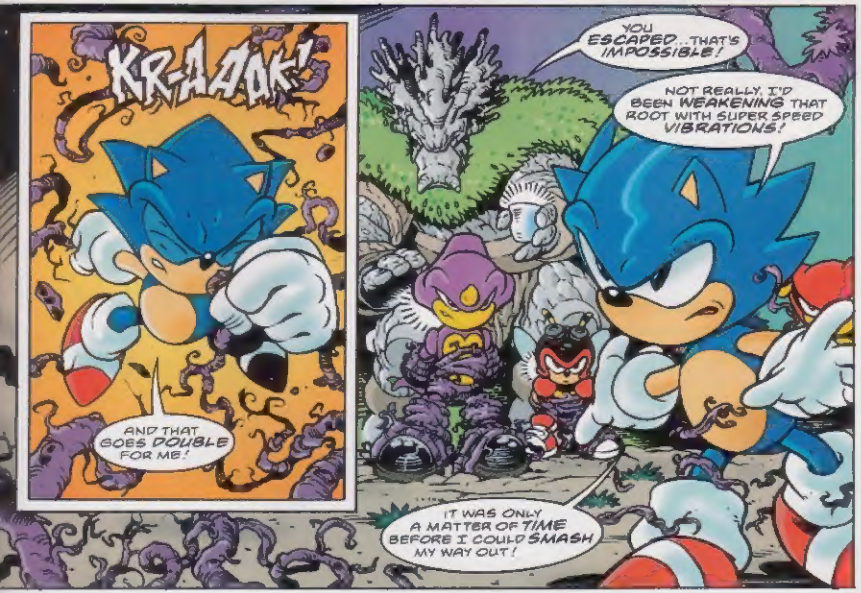

"AND JUST LIKE YOU, WE WERE CAPTURED!"

NOW I DO ANYTHING ROOT TELLS ME... HE CONTROLS MY MIND!
YEAH? WELL I FIGURE SOME MINDS ARE EASIER TO INFLUENCE THAN OTHERS!

I'M AFRAID YOU WILL ALL BE MY SLAVES.
NO ONE CAN RESIST THE POWER OF THE MIND ROOT.
YECHH!


THE MIND ROOT LINKS INTO THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND TAKES AWAY YOUR FREE WILL.
IN A MOMENT ALL FIVE OF YOU WILL BE EAGER SLAVES! THEN I CAN PROCEED WITH MY MASTER PLAN!

NO WAY!


KR-AAAK!
AND THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME!
YOU ESCAPED...THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NOT REALLY. I'D BEEN WEAKENING THAT ROOT WITH SUPER SPEED VIBRATIONS!
IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I COULD SMASH MY WAY OUT!

SO SPILL IT, WHAT'S THIS 'MASTER PLAN'?

I WILL HAPPILY TELL YOU... IT WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE, AFTER ALL!

THIS VIAL CONTAINS A SPECIAL CHEMICAL. A CHEMICAL THAT WILL ALTER THE ENTIRE PLANET, STARTING WITH NEW TEK CITY!

ALTER IT! HOW?

YOU WILL EACH TAKE A VIAL TO FIVE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS OF NEW TEK CITY.

THERE YOU WILL EMPTY THE CONTENTS INTO THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEMS.

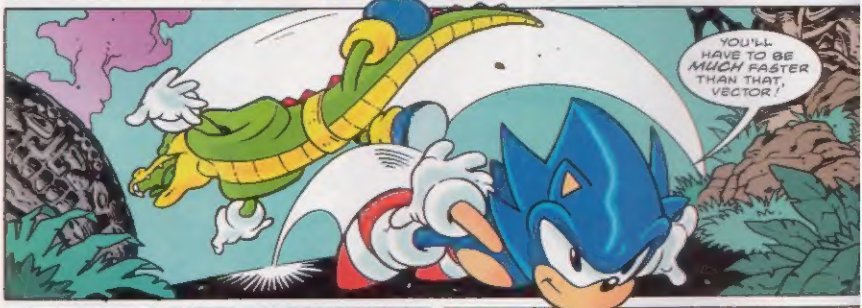
"THEN, VERY QUICKLY, NEW TEK CITY WILL BECOME PART OF MY MANDRAKE SWAMP.

"WITH ME AS ITS ABSOLUTE RULER!"

SO THAT'S WHAT BLOCKHEAD BILL WAS UP TO! ALTHOUGH HE WAS SO STUPID, HE COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT!
HEY, ARE YOU INSULTING ME?
OF COURSE HE IS, DEAR BOY!
FORGET IT, ROOT! YOUR INSANE PLAN ENDS HERE!
I DON'T THINK SO, SONIC. CHAOTIX, RESTRAIN THE HEDGEHOG WHILE I ATTACH THE MIND ROOT.
COME ON, GUYS, FIGHT IT! DON'T LET ROOT CONTROL YOU!
CAN'T BE DONE, SONIC! WE WANT TO OBEY HIM!
YEAH, I KNOW IT'S WRONG, BUT I JUST DON'T SEEM TO CARE!

SORRY ESPIO, BUT I'VE GOT NO CHOICE!
THUD!

IPPY-AGGGH! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE SORRY ABOUT THAT TOO?
SWAK!
NO. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A GOOD EXCUSE TO THUMP YOU, CHARMY!


YOU'LL HAVE TO BE MUCH FASTER THAN THAT, VECTOR!

COME ON, SONIC. TRY ME!
MIGHTY, I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO SWAP PUNCHES WITH YOU...

SO I'LL TRY THIS INSTEAD!

NEXT ISSUE : SONIC V CHAOTIX!

PART 3
THE TAKE-OVER
KNUCKLES
Script: NIGEL KITCHING • Art: NIGEL DOBBYN • Lettering: TOM FRAME
DEEP WITHIN THE FLOATING ISLAND, AN ANGRY ECHIDNA STALKS THE ANCIENT TUNNEL SYSTEM.
KNUCKLES IS NOT HAVING A GOOD DAY!
I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!
I GET THE FLOATING ISLAND JUST THE WAY I WANT IT, THEN SOME IDIOTS TURN UP TO STEAL THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
THEY BREAK THROUGH ALL THE ISLAND'S DEFENCES AS IF THEY WEREN'T THERE, AND ACT LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE!
WELL, WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH THEM THEY'LL WISH THEY'D NEVER HEARD OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

MEANWHILE ON THE SURFACE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND MS ALPHA MR BETA MR GAMMA AND MR DELTA HAVE ENCOUNTERED A SLIGHT PROBLEM
THE ISLAND'S ROBOT GUARDIANS!
DO NOT MOVE YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, MR DELTA? YOU SAID YOU COULD DEAL WITH THE ROBOTS!
FAZ-ZAKK!
I'M WORKING ON IT JUST NEED A LITTLE LONGER!
MR BETA, BUY US SOME TIME!
RIGHT!
TIME'S UP MR DELTA I WANT YOUR ANSWER NOW!
I'M SCANNING THE ROBOTS FREQUENCY RIGHT NOW GOT IT! SET YOUR CHAMELEON CIRCUITS TO 275!
SWAKK!
YOU WERE WARNED! NOW WE MUST TAKE DIRECT ACTION!

INTRUDERS HAVE ESCAPED. SENSORS SHOW NO SIGN OF THEM.
IT WORKED! THE CHAMELEON CIRCUITS MEAN THE ROBOTS CAN'T SEE OR HEAR US!
MY DEVICES ALWAYS WORK MR GAMMA!
WE CAN CONGRATULATE OURSELVES LATER. RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
THE TUNNEL WE NEED BEGINS IN THIS PYRAMID. ARE WE STILL ON SCHEDULE, MR GAMMA?
WE SHOULD REACH OUR OBJECTIVE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES MS ALPHA
IN THE EMERALD CHAMBER, PORKER LEWIS HAS SEEN EVERYTHING.
THEY... THEY BEAT THE ROBOTS! AND NOW THEY'RE HEADING HERE! OH DEAR. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE CHAOS EMERALDS ON MY OWN!
IF ONLY KNUCKLES WERE HERE!

UNLESS I'VE MADE A WRONG TURN
HEY DID I JUST HEAR A VOICE?
WE'RE ALMOST THERE JUST AROUND THIS NEXT
HI GUYS IF YOU'D WANTED A TOUR OF THE FLOATING ISLAND'S TUNNEL SYSTEM, YOU ONLY HAD TO ASK
KNUCKLES?
EXCEPT YOU'RE NOT TOURISTS ARE YOU? YOU'RE CRIMINALS!
MR BETA PLEASE DEAL WITH THIS BOTHERSOME ECHIDNA
YEAH I REMEMBER YOU YOU'RE THE MUSCLE RIGHT?
RIGHT!
FAP!
WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD LAST TIME

BUT THIS TIME, BANANA BREATH, I'M READY FOR YOU!
KER-WHAKK!
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
MR GAMMA, I SUGGEST USING THE COLLAR
NOW WHAT ARE YOU CREEPS UP TO?
SWAKK!
WELL, YOU DID ASK
SNIK
AAAAAAAGH!
SO NOW ECHIDNA WE WILL COMPLETE WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO!
AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE YOU'LL KEEP OUT OF OUR WAY!
NEXT ISSUE KNUCKLES DEFEATED?

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SEGA POWER

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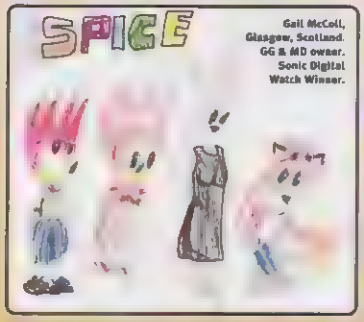

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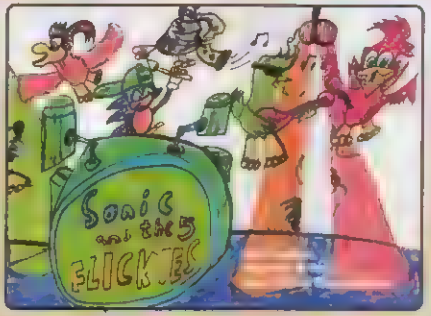

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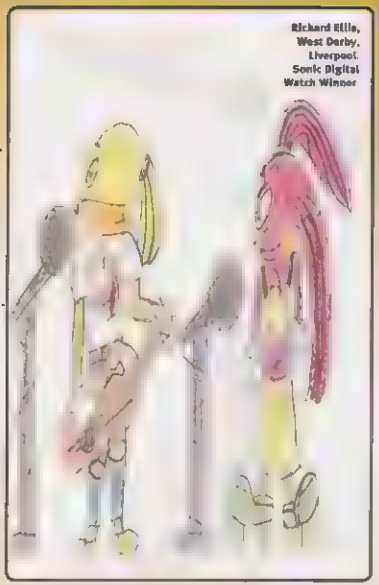

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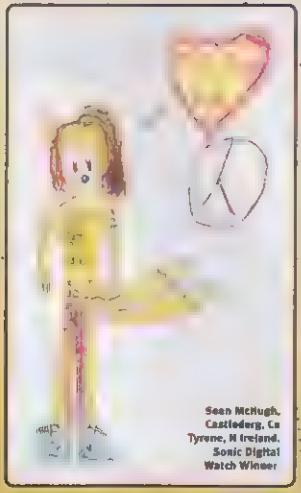

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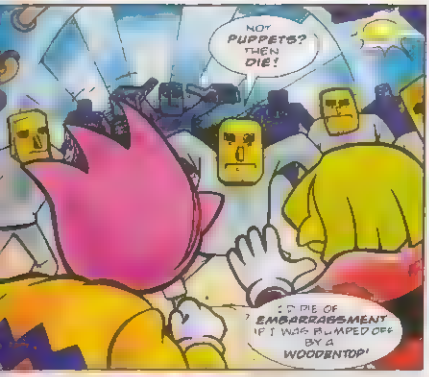
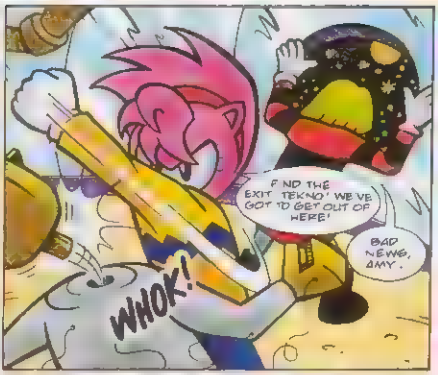
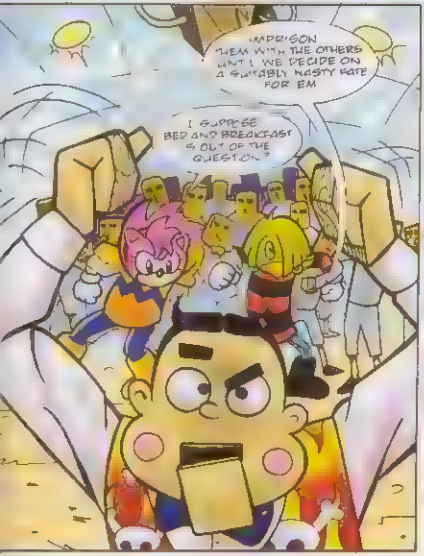
ON BOARD THE SPACESHIP PRISON, ASTRATRAZ, A BREAKOUT IS TAKING PLACE
GEY HELP! THE PUPPETS ARE LOOSE!
DESTROY ALL FLESHY FOLK! GUGGETS RULE O.K!
DAY OF THE PUPPETS
NOT THE BEST DESTINATION FOR AMY AND TEKNO ON THEIR INTER-DIMENSIONAL TRAVELS!
WHERE ARE WE THIS TIME?
DANGER AS USUAL!
HALT WHAT KIND OF PUPPETS ARE YOU TWO?
WE PULL OUR OWN STRINGS, PAL!


NOT PUPPETS? THEN DIE!
I'D DIE OF EMBARRASSMENT IF I WAS BUMPED OFF BY A WOODENTOP!


FIND THE EXIT TEKNO! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
BAD NEWS, AMY.
WHOK!

THERE'S NO WAY OUT


IMPRISON THEM WITH THE OTHERS UNTIL WE DECIDE ON A SUITABLY NASTY FATE FOR EM
I SUPPOSE BED AND BREAKFAST IS OUT OF THE QUESTION?

YOU TWO AREN'T PART OF OUR CREW. WHO ARE YOU?

LET'S JUST SAY WE'RE TRAVELLERS! DO YOU MIND TELLING US WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
WE WERE TRANSPORTING THE CRIMINAL PUPPETS TO A PRISON PLANET WHEN THEY BROKE FREE AND TOOK OVER!

BUT HOW CAN THOSE WOODEN-HEADS THINK FOR THEMSELVES? PUPPETS NEED PUPPETEERS, RIGHT?
NOT WITH INTELLIGENCE CHIPS IN THEIR WOODGRAIN! WE NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D TURN AGAINST US, THOUGH!

NOW THEY WANT TO USE THIS SHIP TO INVADE A PLANET!
PROBLEM FOR THEM IS THEY THREW THE PILOT OVERBOARD! WE'RE STRANDED IN SPACE!

YOU'RE QUIET, TEKNO!
HMM... I'VE BEEN STUDYING THIS PLANETARY CHART!

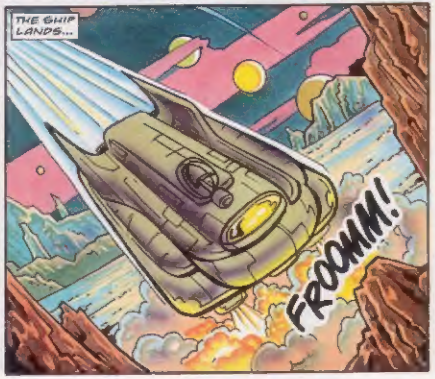
HEY! PUPPETS! NEED A PILOT? I'LL FLY THIS SHIP TO A PLANET YOU CAN INVADE!

WHAAT? YOU'RE GOING TO HELP THE CRIMINALS?
DON'T RUFFLE MY FEATHERS, LOSER!

KEEP COOL! WE CAN TRUST TEKNO! I'M SURE OF IT!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!

SOON...
OKAY, WE'RE ENTERING THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE RIGHT NOW!
GRILLIANT!

SHE OBVIOUSLY THINKS HER LIFE WILL BE SPARED FOR HELPING US!
CHECK OUT THE PLANET AND THEN VAGOURISE HER!
VAGOURISE? OH, VAPOURISE, RIGHT!


THE SHIP LANDS...
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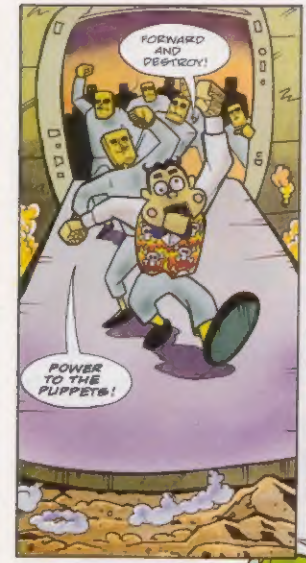

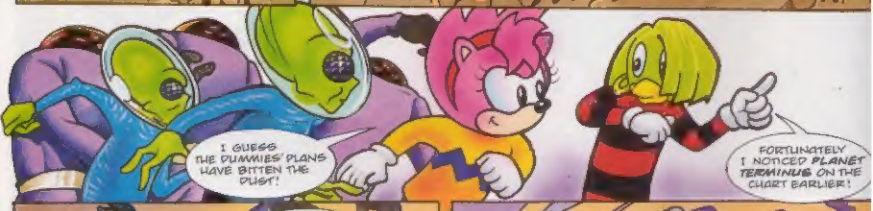

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LIFE SAVER

Dear STC,

I'm obsessed with art and I draw anything and everything and since a certain game was released years ago, I've made drawing Sonic and co one of my specialities (I had intended to send you some artwork, but then I remembered those nightmare things called GCSE's!).

Anyway, I was wondering, why the change to some of the strip colouring on computer? It still looks good - I'm just curious! Also, any tips on how to draw Grimer as I'll be illustrating a friend's comic soon.

Lastly, congrats on keeping teenagers like myself sane for the past five years since I've had to put up with comprehensive school!

Abby (Long Term Fan).
Please send in name and address.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

The change to computer colouring came about as painted artwork can be much more time consuming, Abby. Artist Richard Elson says that he imagines Grimer's head as a large triangle, with his cheekbones as inverted triangles. Another suggestion is that you "get into the mind of the character", so in Grimers case, think like a toady, slimy little wormbag and you're half-way there! You can pick up a few more tips in STC 139 which features 'Whatever Happened to Grimer'.

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Be sure to include your mail mail (postal) address

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Dear Megadroid,

I've been reading through old issues and discovered back in issue 89, a viewpoint on swearing by Boomer Gavin Jackson.

Gavin commented that you don't print swearwords. Well, as most readers are kids like me, I would guess that you can't print them even if you wanted to! If parents find out that there's swearing in the comic, they might think that it's too violent, or they might even ban their child from buying it, and then STC would lose profit - so I say keep the bad words OUT!

Drew Smith,
Longfield, Kent.
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You may have noticed Drew, STC already turns the atmosphere a special shade of blue whenever Sonic appears!

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RIVAL PUBLICATION

Dear Megadroid,

A while ago my sister also started getting into STC as well. Because of this, I made my own version for her instead and charged her 10p a copy! So far I've made 66, for which she's very pleased with. Anyway, it's almost my comic's second anniversary issue and I'll send one to you for FREE. I have to sign off now as I want to finish my comic which is due on sale tomorrow! Bye!

John Laird,
Ceredigion, Wales.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Very professional, John - but making a profit out of your own flesh and blood... That's something you'll never be able to do with me!